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In early 2000, I had made investments, mostly with money inherited from my mother's lifetime savings, on the advise of my investment counselors, for myself and my children. I had about one fourth of what I needed to retire and my children had about enough for college educations and a future down payment on a house. My children were set for a good start in life and I had a start toward financial security for my future. Then, disaster came, in the form of a suit against Microsoft. In my opinion, this suit was the catalyst of the tremendous downfall in the stock market. This occurrence has left me and my children with only 40% of the money we had in early 2000. I never felt that Microsoft was at fault in the first place. What has happened to Americans who have budgeted and saved all of their lives to make their and their children's futures secure in order to improve profits of a few disgruntled corporations who were not able to compete with the innovations of Microsoft is very wrong.

Nothing can be done to compensate for the devastation caused to the American people by those who brought the suit against Microsoft, but the best that can be done is to finalize the Microsoft settlement which has been agreed upon by nine states as well as the federal government. It is time to put an end to this suit. It is my hope that such an decision will act as another catalyst to bring the stock market once more to more favorable gains and that my children and I may recoup some of our tremendous losses.

PLEASE, rule in favor of the present Microsoft agreement

Thank you, Sandra M. Armstrong
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